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SUBJ: IRAQ/ SOVIET JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

REF: MOSCOW 9595, SEPT 20, 1972; B. MOSCOW 3178

1. JOINT IRAQ/ SOVIET STATEMENT PUBLISHED MARCH 25 FOLLOWING  
SADDAM HUSSEIN DEPARTURE POINT UP MOSCOW' S CONTINUING SUPPORT  
FOR IRAQI OIL NATIONALIZATION; REAFFIRMS BACING FOR  
PALESTINIAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT; AND REFLECTS MOSCOW' S  
CONTINUED SENSITIVITY TO " IMPERIALISTZ EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE  
SOVIET/ ARAB FRIENDSHIP. STATEMENT IS RELATIVELY BRIEF ( PERHAPS  
TO REFLECT FACT THAT VISIT WAS NOT OFFICIAL) AND SIMPLY " CONFIRMS  
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UNCHANGED POSITIONS" OF TWO SIDES AS REGISTERED IN SEPTEMBER 20, 1972 COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWING IRAQI PRESIDENT BAKR' S VISIT TO MOSCOW ( REFTEL A). TALKS, WHICH INCLUDED MEETING WITH BREZHNEV, WERE DESCRIBED IN STATEMENT AS " COMRADELY." WE ALSO NOTE WITH INTEREST, HOWEVER, THAT DESCRIPTIVE TERM " FRANKNESS" USED IN PREVIOUS COMMUNIQUE IS ABSENT FROM STATEMENT, SUGGESTING THAT BOTH SIDES DURING THIS VISIT DECIDED TO SKIRT ISSUES WHE TO UNDER A) AND B) WERE PREPARED ON FOREIGN TERRITORY WHERE THE ENEMY CAN GATHER FREELY IN LARGE NUMBERS AND MAKE SURPRISE NIGHT CROSSINGS OF THE FRONTIER. DESPITE THESE FACILITIES, SUCH ACTIONS HAVE ALWAYS FAILED, ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY HAS BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE OUR REACTION UNDER COVER OF NIGHT AND OWING TO PROXIMITY OF BORDER, AND FOR THE SAME REASONS HAS BEEN ABLE TO CARRY OFF MOST OF ITS DEAD AND WOUNDED.

2. COMMENT: ATTACK ON VILA GAMITO IS SECOND MAJOR ATTEMPT DURING MARCH BY RELATIVELY LARGE FRELIMO FORCE TO OVERRUN MILITARY BORDER POST IN TETE- ZAMBIAN BORDER AREA. IT IS FURTHER EXAMPLE OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE GROWING EFFORT BY FRELIMO TO MOUNT SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AGAINST PORTUGUESE MILITARY OUT-POSTS, GOING BEYOND MINE IMPLANTATIONS, AMBUSHES AND LONG-RANGE SHELLINGS WHICH HAD CHARACTERIZED THEIR EFFORTS DURING PAST YEAR AND HALF.

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